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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreements have been signed with some foreign companies and World Bank for investment in some of the power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of such projects; and

(c) the quantum of foreign aid provided to each of the power project for which agreements have been signed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : In regard to power projects in the Central and State Sector, no agreement has been signed with the World Bank during the last 2 years for investment and implementation of these projects. So far as the private sector power projects are concerned, it is the responsibility of the project developer to tie up the funds required for implementation of the project and no agreement in this regard is signed between the Government of India and financial institutions including the World Bank. However, the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is signed between the State Governments/State Electricity Boards withprivate sector power projects. As per the information available as in April, 2000, out of a total of 59 private power projects involving investment by foreign companies, which require the Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) of Central Electricity Authority

(CEA), PPAs have been signed by State Governments in respect of 20 projects during the first three years of the 9th Plan period

(1997-2002). The State-wise details and salient features of these 20 projects are given below:-

(c) : The actual details of investment made in these projects including quantum of foreign loans will be known only after completion of the project and approval of the firm financial package by CEA.